

Liz Smith promoted to KWSO Program Director

KWSO radio announcer, Elizabeth "Liz" Smith has been promoted to Program Director as of January 1, 2000. Ms Smith will be responsible for the content and quality of all programming.

Liz Smith has been involved with KWSO since High School.

"Liz has repeatedly demonstrated to me that she is responsible and hard working," said KWSO Station Manager, Michael Villalobos.

"Promoting Liz to Program Director was a no-brainer. Not only is she capable of doing a great job for the radio station, but she is easily the most talented female announcer in the Central Oregon area," said Villalobos. "Warm Springs is fortunate to have someone this good on their radio station."

Smith will continue to deliver the morning news in addition to her supervisory duties. Liz is only 22-years-old and has been at KWSO for the last 7 years. "Being a radio announcer was my childhood dream," shares Liz. "I started getting into it when I was attending 4-H radio club instructed by Sue Ryan. When I turned 16, my uncle Kenman, was an announcer for KWSO already. As soon as a job opening became available, I applied, got the job, and was trained by uncle Kenman. It started out as

being just a weekend announcer," remembers Liz. "My day at the office starts at 5 A.M., separating news, PSA's, and other things occurring in the community which are of interest." Liz does local news every fifteen minutes after the hour, Sports, Weather at 7:20 am, and Headline News at 7:30 am.

"I've been here ever since, except the time I took off when I was pregnant. I was glad to return to work when I did because my job position became full-time. I have really been enjoying my job," Smith said. Before becoming Program Director, Liz held the News Director job position.

Liz's father is Elder Smith Sr. her brother is Eldred Jr. of Warm Springs, and her mother is Lani Hollingsworth of Culver. Her grandmother is Faye Waheneka who had a big part in raising her while growing up. Liz has a 4-year-old daughter and a 10-year-old step-son. Her fiancé is Joel Thompson, an employee at The Warm Springs Fire Management Office.

"My goal for the year 2000 as the new Program Director for KWSO, is to keep improving the programming as we go, to deliver the best radio services for our community members as well as the entire Central Oregon area," said Liz.



Program Director, Liz Smith

Award winning writer to talk to community

Burl Barer, a 1994 Edgar award winning writer from Walla Walla, Washington with extensive experience in national media will be talking to community members in the Social Hall of the Warm Springs Community Center on Friday the 4th of February, 7:00 p.m. about how the process of commercial writing both for literature and music work. His talk will be of particular interest to anyone, young or old who has an interest in the media especially mystery writing, movies and music.

Burl's novelization of the film screenplay The Saint published by Simon and Schuster Pocketbooks has sold over 100,000 copies and been translated into French, Japanese, Hebrew, Chinese and German.

Among his many audio productions are the award-winning PBS series Images of Indians and 20th Century Art as well as national electronic media campaigns for numerous films.

Burl's visit is sponsored by the Central Oregon Baha'i Community.

The Museum At Warm Springs has changed hours for public visitation. New hours are 9 am - 5 pm, seven days a week starting January 17, 2000. This change is to better accommodate our visitors. Any questions call The Museum At Warm Springs at 541-553-3331.

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terest in 161.56 acres, was addressed by Resolution No. 9816. All purchases were paid from programmed land purchase funds. The Action was taken December 14 by an affirmative vote of 6 members, with the Chairman not voting.

Resolution No. 9817 approved \$2,350,000 for funding the Warm Springs Forest Management Program. The resolution, passed on December 14, states that funds are to be reimbursed from timber sales no later than quarterly to the Confederated Tribes from Forest Management Deduction fees. The resolution was passed by the affirmative vote of 6 members, with the Chairman not voting.

On January 10, the Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 9820, enrolling six new tribal members.

Cecelia Raven Andy 12/10/99
Elise Rose David 12/29/99
Tyreece Todicheni Jones 12/23/99
JoyDee Verna Smith 12/28/99
Andrew Eugene Stacona Jr. 01/07/00

Chad Victor Thurby 01/03/00
The resolution was passed by an affirmative vote of 6 members, 1 member abstaining, and the Chairman not voting.

The Tribe recently purchased property for fish and wildlife mitigation purposes in the John Day River Basin, commonly known as the Pine Creek

Ranch from Warren Dan Eddleman, using Bonneville Power Administration mitigation funds. As a part of the Pine Creek Ranch transaction, the Tribe obtained an option to purchase the Wagner Ranch which adjoins the Pine Creek Ranch from Eddleman.

Resolution No. 9819 approves, in principle, a subordination and Recognition Agreement with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The agreement allows Eddleman to get a loan from the insurance company, while the Tribe also protects its option agreement so that it may be exercised no matter who the legal owner is when the option is exercised. The action was taken January 3, 2000 with 9 members constituting a quorum. The resolution was passed with 4 members voting in the affirmative, 4 members abstained, and the chairman did not vote.

Resolution No. 9821, granting Keith Moody a fifty-year homestead lease in the Simnasho area on Tribal land was approved on January 10, 2000. The resolution was passed by an affirmative vote of 6 members, with the Chairman not voting.

The Tribal Council approved purchasing a 19/16, 800 interest in Warm Springs Allotment No. 701, by an affirmative vote of 7 members with the Chairman not voting. The authorizing document was Resolution No. 9822 on January 10.

Simnasho District Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2000

Time: 6 p.m. - dinner; 7 p.m. - meeting

Place: Simnasho Longhouse

Agenda: Gaming Update

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Pine Grove JR's to hold special drumming and singing contest at annual powwow

This year the Lincoln's Powwow Celebration will host the Pine Grove JR's Drumming and Singing Contest on behalf of all Pine Grove Jr. Singers, past and present. The Contest is dedicated to the Indian Culture way of life, past, present and future.

The purpose of this contest is to rekindle the spirit of this traditional group. This group lives what they believe. They walk and talk their culture. They are a great inspiration within our reservation community. Their lives are a tribute to our Indian way of life. They support our Indian culture. They live it.

When thinking of positive aspects of the Pine Grove JR's, we think: ambassadorship, goodwill, traditionalism, healing, spiritual comforts, humor, fun, friendliness, respect, shared compassion, horsemen, cattlemen, hunters, fishermen, craftsmen, athletes, rodeos, caretakers, sacrifice, unity and pride.

This drum group needs to awaken and continue for the benefit of the current and future generations. The younger descendants of this very positive group must pass one the

teachings to the next generations: the honor, the legacy, and the spirit.

The original members of the this groups are:

Jacob Frank, Jr. (lead singer)
Yahteen Frank
Delvis Heath, Jr.
Robert Heath, Sr.
Nathan Jim, Jr.
Eli Little
Dallas Winishut, Jr.
Charles Dick
Eric "Moose" Mitchell
Raymond "Captain" Moody
Jay Suppah

Advisors for this group are Jacob Frank, Sr., Delvis Heath, Sr., and Warren "Rudy" Clements. They also received special support from Clint Jacks of the Oregon State University Extension Service.

Other groups that were started during the Pine Grove JR's initial beginning are:

1. Wawokiya-Roy Heath, Sr.
2. The Boys-George Clements, Jr.
3. Widespot-Edward Spino, Jr.
4. Art Mitchell Singers-Art Mitchell, Sr.
5. Treaty of 1855-Leander George,

23rd Annual Lincoln's Birthday Powwow & Sovereignty Celebration

February 11-13, 2000

Simnasho Longhouse, Simnasho, Oregon

Grand entries:

Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Over \$16,000 in Prize Money, using the point system Grass Dance, Jingle Dance, Fancy Dance and Traditional Dance Contest for ages 6-12, 13-16, 17 & older.

Specials:

Golden Age (65 & over) Ladies Dance Contest-sponsored by Raylene Thomas and family.

Drumming Contest-sponsored by Pine Grove JR's (rejoining)

3 Hand Drum Contest-sponsored by Simnasho Community

Round Bustle/Chicken Dance-sponsored by Macky Begay

Men's Fancy Dance Contest-sponsored by Stan Whiteman

Girls 6-12 Traditional Dance Contest-sponsored by Outgoing Jr. Queen Matilda Wallulatum

For information call Anna Clements at (541) 553-3290; vendors call Sandra at (541) 553-3601.

Lincoln's Powwow scheduled events

The Simnasho Community, Elders, and Powwow Committee is once again sponsoring the 23rd Annual "Lincoln's Powwow Self Government & Sovereignty Celebration." To celebrate the self-government & sovereignty, under the Wheeler Howard Act, adopted and approved February 14, 1938.

Activities scheduled are as follows:

February 5-Memorial and Rejoining

February 11-6:30-New Joiners and re-joiners of dancers and drummers (Pine Grove Juniors Drum).

7:15-Grand Entry Pageant, followed by a "Special Tribute" Ceremony for departed "M.C." Nathan 8-Ball Jim

and future!

Prize money for the singing contest is as follows:

1st Place-\$2,000
2nd Place-\$1,500
3rd Place-\$1,000
4th Place-\$500
5th Place-\$300
6th Place-\$200

given by the powwow committee, elders and Simnasho Community.

February 12-1:30 p.m. Grand Entry, followed by dancing and a special, in recognition of special guest, former Governor Vic Atiyah.

February 13-2:00 Grand Entry

Powwow Honors: The Lincoln's Powwow is dedicated to the values and beliefs, inherited in our native tribal sacredness that has been our strength through the ages.

Because of this purpose then, our self-government and sovereignty and the leadership it provides is honored, past, present and future, also:

Honors: Children, Veterans, Leaders/Chiefs/Councilmen, Seniors/Elders, and Sobriety.

Settlement agreement presents economic opportunity

Referendum to decide if Tribes should buy majority interest in PGE hydro project

The Tribal Council will consider on January 31 a resolution asking Tribal members to approve acquiring a portion of the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project. The Tribal Council is considering a referendum date in late March.

The recently negotiated Settlement Agreement between the Tribes, Portland General Electric (PGE) and the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) includes provisions that allow the Tribes to acquire increasing amounts of ownership, eventually resulting in a majority interest, of the Pelton-Round Butte Hydroelectric Project over the next 35 years.

Warm Springs Power Enterprises (WSPE), with guidance from the Tribal Council, has been assisting in negotiating this agreement for over a year.

"The agreement calls for a purchase price that is considerably below market value. It's a very good deal for the Tribes and a good investment in the future," explained Jim Manion, General Manager of WSPE.

The Pelton-Round Butte hydroelectric project, partially located on tribal lands, has been linked with the Tribes since its construction nearly 50 years ago. Over the years, the Tribes have become increasingly involved in the management of some aspects of the project, although it has remained under PGE ownership.

"This unique economic opportunity is a result of shrewd negotiation combined with on-going regulatory issues," said Charles Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribes. "The only way to realistically move toward our goal of economic self-sufficiency is to have control of tribal resources that generate revenue. Taking a share of ownership of the dams achieves such control," he continued.

Current situation developed from years of involvement and federal relicensing rules.

"Because the project is located partially on tribal lands, the Tribes have been involved with hydropower development from the beginning," said Manion. "The history goes back as far as 1911 when the federal government formally set aside the area as an Indian Power Site Reserve so that it could be used to benefit of the Tribes in the future."

In the 1950s, the Tribes opted to support PGE's request to exploit the hydropower potential of the site. Federal and state governments agreed on license terms for the project, giving the green light for construction. A hydroelectric license defines the way in which a project must be operated, including enhancements for fish and wildlife, recreation and other resources. At that time, the Tribes entered into an agreement in which PGE agreed to pay an annual rent for the use of tribal resources and land.

Since then, the nature and extent of the Tribes' involvement in the project has evolved from "landlord" into active participant, now managing and owning various aspects of the project. In 1982, the Tribes exercised their right to construct generation facilities at the reregulating dam. This resulted in the Tribes being added to the federal license as co-licensee with PGE. In 1985, the Tribes renegotiated the rental agreement to link payment amount to annual power generated from the project.

The existing license, jointly held by the Tribes and PGE, expires in December 2001. The multi-year regulatory process to relicense the Pelton-Round Butte project presented a window of opportunity to pursue the option of acquiring a greater stake in the hydro project.

In 1995, after early negotiations with PGE regarding future rents were unsuccessful, the Tribes opted to apply to the federal government to be awarded a sole license for project. In that case, the Tribes would have been obligated to purchase the entire project from PGE.

Over the last year, PGE, the Tribes, and the DOI have determined that, under current regulatory and market conditions, the course of co-ownership was the most advantageous arrangement for everyone.

"In short, PGE has determined that it's better to sell a majority interest in the project to the Tribes than to

risk losing the entire project in the relicensing process," explained Manion. "And we believe that a majority interest, rather than full ownership at this time, is a good match with tribal economic goals."

Settlement contains many benefits for Tribes.

Purchase of a larger stake in the project will ensure a stable revenue source for many decades to come. This stability takes on an increasing urgency as revenue from tribal timber operations is projected to decrease sharply in coming years.

Hydroelectric power generation is an extremely low-cost source of power. Already, the difference between the cost to generate power and its price on the wholesale market is large. This difference is likely to grow advantageously in coming years as the power market continues to be deregulated and competition is phased in. Demand for low-cost power will be high for decades, especially considering Oregon's projected population growth.

Bobby Brunoe, general manager of the Natural Resources Branch, stated that majority ownership of the project will also result in greater control over the management of natural resources in the Deschutes watershed. "The Tribes have always argued that responsible environmental stewardship can be integrated with profitable hydro project operations. We want to make certain we have a resource base that has been well taken

care of and that we can pass onto our children and grandchildren."

Project would be purchased at below market value.

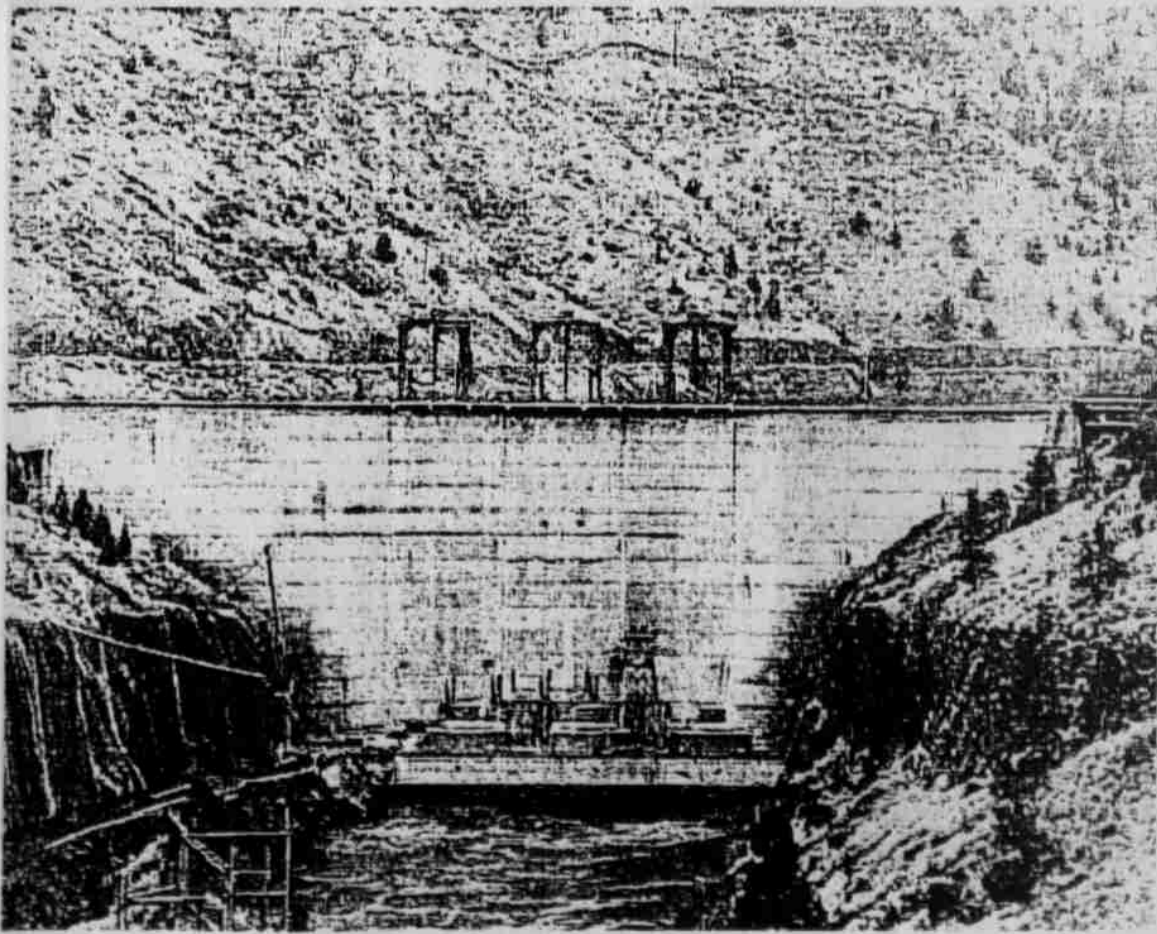
The Tribes will gain majority ownership over the course of 35 years, with the first purchase of a one-third interest occurring in 2002. Over the next three decades, the Tribes will then have the option, not the obligation, to purchase additional interest in the project bringing ownership up to 50.01 percent of the total.

The Tribes already have experience financing and operating hydro projects because of the reregulation facility. Costing nearly \$30 million, the reregulating generation facility was wholly financed through tribal appropriations and loans. The power from the tribal-owned reregulation facility is sold directly to PacifiCorp under long-term contract.

Additional information will be forthcoming.

Over the next two months, additional newspaper articles and mailings to tribal members will explain the elements of the Settlement Agreement with PGE and the DOI as well as the benefits and potential risks to the Tribes.

This is an important economic opportunity for the Tribes. WSPE and Tribal elders will be involved in providing the information that will help to understand the history and implications of this referendum. If you have questions or comments, please contact Jim Manion at WSPE.



The 427 MW Pelton-Round Butte Project is partially located on tribal lands.